

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 ✓ An air filter comprising:
a first filter layer impregnated with oil; and
a second filter layer provided on a downstream side of said first
filter layer, said second filter layer being composed of a lipophobic layer
5 having an oil-repellent property,
each of said first filter layer and said second filter layer being
formed of filter paper,
filter material of said first filter layer having a higher density
10 than filter material of said second filter layer, and
said second filter layer being composed of said lipophobic layer
over an entire thickness.
2. The air filter as claimed in Claim 1, wherein:
said first filter layer and said second filter layer are combined
integrally with each other.
3. The air filter as claimed in Claim 1 or 2, further comprising an
additional layer.
4. The air filter as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 3, wherein:
said first filter layer has a pore size of from 70 µm to 120 µm and
said second filter layer has a pore size of from 100 µm to 180 µm.
5. The air filter as claimed in any one of Claims 1 to 4, wherein:
said second filter layer has a downstream end, which is exposed.
6. The air filter as claimed in any one of Claims 2 to 5, wherein:
said second filter layer is subjected to an oil-repellent treatment
and then said first filter layer and said second filter layer are combined

integrally with each other.

7. The air filter as claimed in any one of Claims 2 to 5, wherein:
said first filter layer and second filter layer are combined
integrally each other; and then,
said second filter layer is subjected to an oil-repellent treatment
5 and said first filter layer is impregnated with oil.

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